

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic or dermatological cleansing emulsion comprising:
  - (a) from about 2 % to about 17 % by weight of at least one of sodium laureth sulfate and sodium myreth sulfate;
  - (b) from about 0.20 % to about 0.74 % by weight of one or more polyacrylates selected from anionic homopolymers and anionic copolymers of at least one of acrylic acid, an alkylated acrylic acid and esters thereof;
  - (c) from about 42 % to about 51 % by weight an oil phase comprising
    - (i) from about 25 % to about 50 % by weight of a paraffin oil,
    - (ii) from about 0.5 % to about 25 % by weight one or more oils having a polarity of from about 5 to about 50 mN/m;the emulsion having a viscosity of from about 500 to about 3,500 mPa s at 100 s<sup>-1</sup>.
2. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 4 % to about 15 % by weight of (a).
3. The emulsion of claim 2, wherein the emulsion comprises at least about 5 % by weight of (a).
4. The emulsion of claim 2, wherein the emulsion comprises not more than about 10 % by weight of (a).
5. The emulsion of claim 2, wherein the emulsion comprises sodium laureth sulfate.
6. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises sodium myreth sulfate.
7. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 0.30 % to about 0.70 % by weight of (b).
8. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises at least about 0.35 % by weight of (b).

9. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 43 % to about 46 % by weight of (c).
10. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises at least about 43 % by weight of (c).
11. The emulsion of claim 10, wherein the emulsion comprises not more than about 45.5 % by weight of (c).
12. The emulsion of claim 9, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 30 % to about 45 % by weight of (c)(i).
13. The emulsion of claim 9, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 5 % to about 20 % by weight of (c)(ii).
14. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion comprises at least about 1 % by weight of (c)(ii).
15. The emulsion of claim 13, wherein (c)(ii) has a polarity of from about 10 to about 45 mN/m.
16. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein (c)(ii) comprises at least one fatty acid triglyceride.
17. The emulsion of claim 16, wherein the fatty acid triglyceride comprises at least one of soybean oil and almond oil.
18. The emulsion of claim 12, wherein (c)(ii) comprises at least one of a hydrocarbon, a fatty acid triglyceride, a silicone oil and a carboxylic acid ester.
19. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio (b) : (c)(i) is from about 1:125 to about 1:68.

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20. The emulsion of claim 12, wherein the weight ratio (b) : (c)(i) is from about 1:100 to about 1:57.

21. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion has a viscosity of from about 700 to about 3,000 mPa s at 100 s<sup>-1</sup>.

22. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion further comprises at least one surfactant.

23. The emulsion of claim 22, wherein the at least one surfactant comprises a surfactant having an HLB value of higher than about 25.

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25. The emulsion of claim 22, wherein the emulsion comprises from about 1 % to about 30 % by weight of the at least one surfactant.

26. The emulsion of claim 1, wherein the emulsion further comprises at least one active ingredient.

27. The emulsion of claim 26, wherein the at least one active ingredient is present in a concentration of from about 0.001 % to about 10 % by weight.

28. A cosmetic or dermatological cleansing emulsion comprising:

(a) from about 5 % to about 10 % by weight of at least one of sodium laureth sulfate and sodium myreth sulfate;

(b) from about 0.30 % to about 0.70 % by weight of one or more polyacrylates selected from anionic homopolymers and anionic copolymers of at least one of acrylic acid, an alkylated acrylic acid and esters thereof;

(c) from about 43 % to about 46 % by weight an oil phase comprising

(i) from about 30 % to about 45 % by weight of a paraffin oil,

(ii) from about 5 % to about 20 % by weight of one or more oils having a polarity of from about 10 to about 45 mN/m;  
the emulsion having a viscosity of from about 700 to about 3,000 mPa s at 100 s<sup>-1</sup>.

29. The emulsion of claim 28, wherein the emulsion comprises sodium laureth sulfate.

30. The emulsion of claim 28, wherein the emulsion comprises sodium myreth sulfate.

31. The emulsion of claim 28, wherein the emulsion comprises at least about 0.35 % by weight of (b).

32. The emulsion of claim 31, wherein the emulsion comprises not more than about 45.5 % by weight of (c).

33. The emulsion of claim 31, wherein (c)(ii) comprises at least one of soybean oil and almond oil.

34. The emulsion of claim 32, wherein the weight ratio (b) : (c)(i) is from about 1:100 to about 1:57.

35. The emulsion of claim 28, wherein the emulsion further comprises from about 10 % to about 20 % by weight of at least one surfactant having an HLB value of higher than about 25.

36. The emulsion of claim 35, wherein the emulsion further comprises from about 0.05 % to about 10 % by weight of at least one active ingredient.

37. A foamed mousse which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.

38. A compressed gas bottle which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.

39. An aerosol container which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.

40. A foam bath which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.
41. A shower bath which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.
42. A tub bath which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.
43. A face cleanser which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.
44. A hair shampoo which comprises the emulsion of claim 1.
45. A method of cleansing the skin and its appendages, wherein the method comprises the application of a product which comprises the emulsion of claim 1 onto at least parts of the skin.
46. A process for making a cosmetic or dermatological cleansing emulsion, which process comprises combining
  - (a) from about 2 % to about 17 % by weight of at least one of sodium laureth sulfate and sodium myreth sulfate;
  - (b) from about 0.20 % to about 0.74 % by weight of one or more polyacrylates selected from anionic homopolymers and anionic copolymers of at least one of acrylic acid, an alkylated acrylic acid and esters thereof;
  - (c) from about 42 % to about 51 % by weight an oil phase comprising
    - (i) from about 25 % to about 50 % by weight of a paraffin oil,
    - (ii) from about 0.5 % to about 25 % by weight one or more oils having a polarity of from about 5 to about 50 mN/m;to form an emulsion having a viscosity of from about 500 to about 3,500 mPa s at 100 s<sup>-1</sup>.